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A Penny
for
your
Thoughts

If you could have any pet you wanted, what would it be, and why? asked the Pennies photographer of several youngsters this week.

Mariann Sisco, 343 Via El Chico, 10:

"I want a dog because everyone on our street has a dog, and I would also like a kitten. I don't think they would fight. The dog should be black and a cocker spaniel, and I want a black kitten, too."



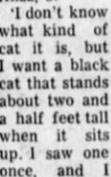
Diane Wilson, 4314 Torrance Blvd, 8:

"I want a little kitten because small cats are soft furry. We have a lot of string at our house and he could play with it. I would want him to be grey and white, too."



Janice LaVergne, 22315 Anza, 8:

"I don't know what kind of cat it is, but I want a black cat that stands about two and a half feet tall when it sits up. I saw one once, and I have two other small cats now. I just want another cat."



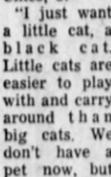
Holly Hogan, 22318 Anza, 7:

"I want a little puppy dog. We already have a cat, so I don't want another one. My bro and I both like dogs and we would like to have a collie because they are the prettiest dogs."



Shirley Sisco, 343 Via El Chico, 5:

"I just want a little cat, a black cat. Little cats are easier to play with and carry around than big cats. We don't have a pet now, but we used to have a little cat that ran away."



Teachers Win First Round; Salaries Next

Torrance school teachers won the opening round of their battle for increased salaries and benefits this week when the Board of Education voted to initiate duty-free lunch periods for all teachers.

The vote came after considerable discussion on the matter and after several alternate proposals had been examined. Board president Bert Lynn voted against the final motion, arguing the district cannot afford the program.

On College

Need Tax Base Says PV Board

Trustees of the Palos Verdes School District voted Monday evening to forward a letter to the State Board of Public Works expressing their desire to preserve the industrial land tax base in the Rolling Hills Estates research park.

The board members oppose the location of the South Bay State College on the Peninsula and SR & D land is taken. "Our interest is solely financial," said chairman Vigo G. Nielsen, in pointing out the district will lose money if the specially zoned land is taken.

The State Board of Public Works, which must approve the site selected by the State College Board of Trustees, will meet at Long Beach or Los Angeles State College on Aug. 16 to discuss the Peninsula site.

Music System Gets Approval

A music system for downtown Torrance will be operated by the Chamber of Commerce following a new agreement between the chamber and the city. Funds for the system were transferred to a special account by the City Council.

Earlier in the meeting, the trustees had heard an oral report from Garth Belknap, president of the Torrance Education Assn. The duty-free lunch periods were a part of the six-point proposal.

Belknap also asked for a new salary schedule with maximum of \$10,600. The report also asked for a bonus increment at the 20th and 25th years, district contributions of \$8 monthly for employe health insurance, transportation costs and substitutes for teachers attending professional conferences, and a four-period day for he president of the Torrance Education Assn.

Max Kelley, a teacher at North High School, argued that the last two proposals should not be adopted since the TEA is a private organization and tax funds should not be used by them. Kelley represents the South Bay Federation of Teachers, which otherwise endorsed the TEA plan.

CHARLES HOGAN, speaking for classified employes of the (Continued on Page 2)



COUPLE HURT... Officers Kenneth Halbert (left) and James M. Weyant inspect auto which crashed against parkway tree and utility pole on Torrance Boulevard early Sunday injuring William F. Crowson, 24, and Marie E. Crowson, 26, of Los Angeles. The woman received facial abrasions and bruised knees, the man received a severe wound near the eye and other injuries. They were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital. (Herald Photo)

Trial Problems Mount After Picket Arrests

Decision on a Torrance request to limit pickets in the Southwood Riviera Royale housing development is pending with Superior Judge Alfred Gitelson.

The request, one of three in Superior Court seeking to restrain pickets from mass demonstrations, was considered by Judge Gitelson Tuesday. Consideration of similar requests filed on behalf of builder Don Wilson and the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Assn. was delayed until Friday.

The case was sent to Judge Gitelson Tuesday after Judge Kenneth Chantry disqualified himself after allegations by attorney Thomas Neusom that he

had made prejudicial statements on the matter. Judge Chantry reportedly had said that he believed the restraints were in order just as they were

in the case of labor dispute pickets. On the local court level, 16 sit-in participants were ordered (Continued on Page 2)

13,000 Complete Summer Classes

Nearly 13,000 students, almost half of the regular full-time enrollment, have completed summer classes at Torrance schools. Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent for special services, reported the session was one of the most successful in the district's history.

The summer classes, offered at both the elementary and high school levels, were designed to continue the regular school year program, and emphasis was placed on such a continuity.

MORE THAN 800 students received help with reading, and other special classes were also held. English, spelling, and arithmetic were special subjects.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent for business, also

had good news for the city's taxpayers. The summer classes were fully self-supporting, since careful matching of teacher-pupil ratios held costs down. State funds, provided on the basis of average daily attendance, paid all the bills, reports Waldrip.

The unusually large enrollment was partially explained by Dr. A. N. Posner, assistant superintendent for education, who said, "students knew beforehand that summer school was something besides make-up of subjects previously failed, and thus the stigma of the traditional make-up type summer school was lifted."

Council Yells About State Tax 'String'

"It's blackmail," said Ken Miller. "A coercive measure," said Ross Sciarrotta. Both were talking about the new gasoline tax bill. Senate Bill 344, which becomes effective Oct. 1. The bill provides that cities eligible for funds under the act can not receive them unless the city approves the new tax and adopts a resolution asking for its share of the revenues.

THE CONTROVERSY arose when the City Council received a resolution complying with the law at its meeting Tuesday evening. The resolution approved the imposition of the new one-cent-a-gallon tax and asked for the apportionment of revenues to Torrance. But the new resolution also provided for the repeal of a former resolution in which the City Council had opposed the new tax hike.

Everything was going fine until Sciarrotta voted against the resolution and made a little speech in which he described the provision as "a coercive move to force approval of an act by the State Legislature." Councilman Miller yelled blackmail and Mayor Albert Isen moved for reconsideration.

ISEN SAID he felt the city could not be forced to repeal its former resolution. "That would be saying we've been bad boys and now we are sorry for protesting," said the Mayor. The Mayor's motion for reconsideration was adopted, 4-3, and the provisions repealing the older resolution were removed. The new resolution was also adopted on a 4-3 vote.

The city expects an additional \$400,000 a year from the new tax. Councilmen felt they had to accept the tax since the city's motorists will have to pay it anyway, but the resolution of protest still stands.

IN OTHER matters, the City Council:

- Approved a waiver for construction of an addition to a home at 4406 Scott St.
- Awarded a contract for improvements at Engracia Ave. (Continued on Page 2)

Population Still Going Up in City

Torrance continues to narrow the gap in population with Pasadena, and Mayor Isen has predicted that by Jan. 1, 1964, Torrance will have passed the Crown City in population.

Estimates by the County Regional Planning Commission released here this week show the city gained 3,162 residents and now has a population of 118,245. Only Pasadena, Glendale, Long Beach, and Los Angeles are larger.

THE CITY'S growth rate was slightly under three per cent for the period, largest of the five top cities in the county.

In comments made at Tuesday's council meeting, Isen cautioned against finding virtues in the numbers themselves, but added, "This is a sign people want to live in Torrance."

OTHER FIGURES for the southwest area include: Redondo Beach, 51,263; Hawthorne, 41,522; Gardena, 40,776; Lawndale, 24,891; Palos Verdes Estates, 11,466; Rolling Hills Estates, 4,816; and Rolling Hills, 1,871. Only Hawthorne showed a gain of more than 1,000 persons.

City Manager Wade Peebles asked for, and received, authorization for a population study of the city. Peebles said he believes the study will qualify the city for additional funds from state gas tax revenues.



THAT TIME AGAIN... Mrs. Ada Penfield of the El Camino College counseling office offers the appropriate forms to student Sally Hastings of Gardena as Miss Hastings begins the registration process at the college. Others who are waiting their turn are Craig Parker, Inglewood; Stan Odle, Torrance; and Sue Black, El Segundo. All students may register for fall classes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional office hours are available for part-time students. General registration will continue until Aug. 30.

Council Gets Resignation

John Melville, a member of the city planning commission, submitted his resignation to the City Council Tuesday. Melville gave no reason for the resignation.

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ADDED READING INSTRUCTION... Miss Lynn Scott (center) is pictured during one of her special individual sessions with reading pupils. Miss Scott was one of several teachers who devoted much of their time during the summer session just ended to giving additional instruction in reading to such students as Mike Premo (left) and Richard Elliott. Summer classes were the most numerous in the history of the district this year, as nearly 13,000 returned to school for the six-weeks session.